IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

V.

HOWARD HINKLE, JR.,

Defendant.



23-MR-469

23-MJ-5219

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR STAY AND REVOCATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S DETERMINATION ON DETENTION

The United States of America by and through its attorney, Trini E. Ross, United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Joseph M. Tripi, Nicholas T. Cooper, and Casey L. Chalbeck, Assistant United States Attorneys, of counsel, pursuant to Title 18, United State Code, Section 3145(a)(1), hereby files a Motion with the United States District Court in the Western District of New York, the Honorable John L. Sinatra presiding, for an Order revoking the Decision and Order entered by Magistrate Judge Michael J. Roemer on October 26, 2023; and the government further moves for an Order staying said Order of the magistrate judge until such time as the Court can hear and determine the government's motion for review of the magistrate judge's determination on detention.

IN SUPPORT THEREOF, the government sets forth a memorandum, incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court (1) stay the order of the magistrate judge releasing the defendant until such time as the District Court can hear and determine this motion; and (2) revoke Magistrate Judge Michael J. Roemer's October 24, 2023, release order.

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GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO REVOKE THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S DECISION AND ORDER

The United States of America by and through its attorneys, Trini E. Ross, United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Joseph M. Tripi, Nicholas T. Cooper, and Casey L. Chalbeck, Assistant United States Attorneys, of counsel, hereby file this Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion to Revoke the Magistrate Judge's Decision and Order.

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

This case is related to the investigation into the death of a federal witness who was scheduled to testify in an upcoming trial—and who died under highly suspicious circumstances.¹ Pursuant to a federal search warrant, at approximately 6:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") conducted a search of Howard Hinkle, Jr.'s residence at 4290 Donovan Road, Alma, New York. Owing to the FBI's (well-founded) concerns that Mr. Hinkle would be armed and dangerous, an FBI

As the government has emphasized in other cases, the investigation is ongoing. *See* Redacted Govt's Sur-Reply to Def.'s Mem. of Law in Further Support of Mot. for Pre-Trial Release at 16 n.7, 1:19-CR-227-LJV, ECF No. 642, (filed Oct. 10, 2023).

Special Weapons and Tactics ("SWAT") team was engaged to "clear" Mr. Hinkle's residence. Mr. Hinkle initially failed to follow the SWAT team's instructions and acted in a manner consistent with that of someone contemplating an armed standoff with the FBI. When Mr. Hinkle, a violent felon, finally surrendered, the SWAT team discovered 19 firearms—some of which were loaded—throughout the house, a proliferation of ammunition, a large storage container full of marijuana, over 130 marijuana plants, and other evidence of criminal activity.

A four-count Complaint followed. Specifically, Mr. Hinkle is charged with the following offenses: (1) unlawfully possessing a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1); (2) maintaining a drug involved premises in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856; (3) possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and 100 or more marijuana plants in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(vii); and (4) possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A).

On October 25, 2023, United States Magistrate Judge Michael J. Roemer ("Judge Roemer") presided over Mr. Hinkle's Initial Appearance. The government requested a three-day continuance. Judge Roemer re-scheduled the detention hearing for the next day, October 26, 2023. Following the government's proffer and oral argument, Judge Roemer ordered Mr. Hinkle's release on conditions.² Judge Roemer then granted a stay—specifically, a 24-hour stay—pending this Court's review.

Judge Roemer largely agreed with the U.S. Probation Office's recommended conditions, but added a location restriction program, *i.e.*, home incarceration, and location monitoring. Judge Roemer declined the government's request that Mr. Hinkle be prohibited from contacting or cohabitating with his co-defendant and girlfriend, Dillon Anderson. *See* Tran. Det. Hr'g at 31, *United States v. Hinkle*, 1:23-MJ-5219 (W.D.N.Y. Oct. 26, 2023).

This Court should reverse. There are no conditions—including those set by the Magistrate Court—that can assure the safety of the community or Mr. Hinkle's appearance at trial.

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

Review of a magistrate judge's release order is *de novo*. "[W]here a defendant is ordered released by a magistrate judge, the government may, under 18 U.S.C. § 3145(a)(1), move for revocation of the release order before the district court. Upon such motion, the district court must perform a *de novo* review of the magistrate judge's release order." *United States v. Boorman*, 130 F. Supp. 2d 394, 398 (W.D.N.Y. 2001) (citing *United States v. Leon*, 766 F.2d 77, 80 (2d Cir.1985)). Under that standard, the district owes no deference to the magistrate judge's decision but, rather, must "reach its own independent conclusion." *Leon*, 766 F.2d at 80; *see also United States v. Colombo*, 777 F.2d 96, 100 (2d Cir. 1985). Moreover, the reviewing district court is not limited to the record made within the magistrate court. Instead, the Court may take additional evidence or conduct a new evidentiary hearing altogether. *See Boorman*, 130 F. Supp. 2d at 398 ("When making its *de novo* review, the district court may rely on the record of the proceedings before the magistrate judge and may also accept additional evidence."); *see also Colombo*, 777 F.2d at 98.

III. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Section 3142 of Title 18, enacted as part of the Bail Reform Act of 1984, see 18 U.S.C. §§ 3141–3156 ("Bail Reform Act"), requires that an accused be detained pending trial where, following a hearing in accordance with § 3142(f), "the judicial officer finds that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the

person as required and the safety of any other person and the community." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(1).

Subsection (e) of § 3142 provides that there is a rebuttable presumption that "no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure" against flight or danger where probable cause supports a finding that the person seeking bail committed certain types of offenses, including "an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)," 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3)(A), or "an offense under [18 U.S.C. §] 924(c)," id. § 3142(e)(3)(B). Where there is such a presumption, the defendant "bears a limited burden of production—not a burden of persuasion—to rebut that presumption by coming forward with evidence that he does not pose a danger to the community or a risk of flight." *United States v. Mercedes*, 254 F.3d 433, 436 (2d Cir. 2001). Notably, even if a defendant carries this burden of production, the significance of the presumption does not disappear. Rather, "it 'remains a factor to be considered among those weighed by the district court." *United States v. English*, 629 F.3d 311, 319 (2d Cir. 2011) (quoting *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436)).

The factors that the judicial officer must consider "in determining whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community," include "the nature and circumstances of the offense charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence," or involves a firearm; "the weight of the evidence against the person"; "the history and characteristics of the person," including his "physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length of residence in the community, community ties,

past conduct, history relating to drug or alcohol abuse, criminal history, and record concerning appearance at court proceedings"; and "the nature and seriousness of the danger to any person or the community that would be posed by the person's release." 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g). Importantly, the same factors are to be considered in determining "whether the presumptions of dangerousness and flight are rebutted." *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436.

Finally, "[t]he facts the judicial officer uses to support a finding pursuant to subsection (e) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person and the community shall be supported by clear and convincing evidence." *Id.* § 3142(f)(2); *see also United States v. Chimurenga*, 760 F.2d 400, 403 (2d Cir. 1985) (noting that the government ""has the burden of establishing defendant's dangerousness by clear and convincing evidence"). That burden relaxes, however, where the government moves for detention based upon a risk of flight. Under those circumstances, the government need only establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant "if released, presents an actual risk of flight." *United States v. Sabhnani*, 493 F.3d 63, 75 (2d. Cir. 2007) (citation omitted).

IV. ARGUMENT

Mr. Hinkle should be detained. For starters, he cannot carry his limited burden to rebut the presumption that "no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure" against danger or flight. § 3142(e). But, irrespective of the presumption, the government can show by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions can reasonably assure the safety of the community upon his release. And, likewise, it can show by the preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Hinkle presents a flight

risk.³ Finally, though the U.S. Probation Office has recommended release, the government notes that the factors guiding USPO's evaluation of dangerousness and risk of flight do not mirror those mandated by Bail Reform Act.

A. Under the Bail Reform Act, Detention is Presumed, and Mr. Hinkle Cannot Rebut That Presumption

Mr. Hinkle cannot overcome the Bail Reform Act's presumptions under 18 U.S.C. §§ 3142(e)(3)(A) and (e)(3)(B) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of the community and his appearance if he is released.

By way of background, those presumptions are triggered in three respects. First, Mr. Hinkle's drug-distribution charge triggers the statutory presumption under § 3142(e)(3)(A) because the maximum term of imprisonment is 40 years. *See id.* § 3142(e)(3)(A) (providing that the presumption applies to "an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act"); 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(vii) (providing a 5-year mandatory minimum and 40-year maximum term of imprison possessing with intent to distribute 100 or more marijuana plants). Second, even if Mr. Hinkle were not charged with drug distribution, he is charged with maintaining a drug-involved premises, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of twenty years. And, third, the presumption articulated in § 3142(e)(3)(B) independently flows from his charge

Although the evidence presented at the detention hearing was not as extensive as the information that follows—primarily due to the fact that the information presented should have been sufficient to warrant detention and evidence of Mr. Hinkle's risk of flight and dangerousness continues to come in as evidence of the search is processed—the government now sets forth further basis for the defendant's detention. As the law allows, the Government asks the Court to consider this additional evidence in support of its motion. See United States v. Boorman, 130 F. Supp. 2d 394, 398 (W.D.N.Y. 2001) (holding the court may consider additional evidence beyond what was presented at a detention hearing when reviewing a release order).

under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)). See § 3142(e)(3)(B) (providing that an offense under § 924(c) triggers the statutory presumption).

Mr. Hinkle's arguments to overcome the presumption are unavailing. During the October 26, 2023, detention hearing, Mr. Hinkle principally relied on his close ties to Wellsville, New York to rebut the presumption in favor of detention and claimed that the massive quantities of marijuana were intended for personal consumption. Neither contention constitutes "evidence that he does not pose a danger to the community," and is thus insufficient to rebut the presumption. *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436.

First, evidence of Mr. Hinkle's close ties to Western New York does nothing to rebut the presumption of dangerousness, as it was not "evidence contrary to the presumed fact[s]"—extensive drug distribution and possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking—that trigger the presumption in the first instance. *United States v. Rodriguez*, 950 F.2d 85, 88 (2d Cir. 1991). Indeed, it speaks to only one of the § 3142(g) factors that guide the Court's determination of whether the "presumptions . . . are rebutted," and even then is of limited relevance to the Bail Reform Act's dangerousness considerations. *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436.

For that reason, other courts in this district have found the presumption unrebutted under comparable fact patterns. For instance, in *United States v. Thompson*, 436 F.Supp.3d 631 (W.D.N.Y. 2020) (Wolford, C.J.), the defendant was charged with firearm and drug-related offenses, including being a felon in possession of firearms, maintaining a drug-involved premises, and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1), and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(a)(i),

respectively. Also, like Mr. Hinkle, the *Thompson* defendant proffered that he "has strong ties to the . . . communit[y]." *Thompson*, 436 F.Supp.3d at 638. Nevertheless, the Court concluded that this factor, along with the defendant's proffer of "assets that could be utilized to secure his release d[id] not rebut the presumption in favor of detention." *Id*.

That same conclusion applies here. Like the *Thompson* defendant, Mr. Hinkle is charged with drug and firearm offenses, including being a felon in possession of firearms, maintaining a drug-involved premises, and possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking. And, like the *Thompson* defendant, Mr. Hinkle urged that his strong community ties rebutted the presumption in favor of his detention. That proffer was not enough in *Thompson*, and it is not enough here. *See Thompson*, 436 F.Supp.3d at 638; *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436.

Second, Mr. Hinkle's dubious claim that he intended to personally consume the marijuana from the 130+ marijuana plants discovered on his property cannot aid in his efforts to rebut the presumption. Circuit courts across the United States—including the Second Circuit—have rightfully rejected similar arguments. See, e.g., Proyect v. United States, 101 F.3d 11, 13 (2d Cir. 1996) (observing that it was "very unlikely that [a defendant convicted of growing more than 100 marijuana plants] personally intended to consume all of his crop"); see also United States v. Emmons, 24 F.3d 1210, 1215 (10th Cir. 1994) (concluding that "the large quantity of marijuana discovered during . . . two expeditions onto [the] property" was "an amount totally at odds with purely personal consumption"); United States v. Miles, 319 F. App'x 266, 272 (4th Cir. 2009) ("Even though there was limited evidence of Miles' drug sales, the district court correctly discerned from the facts that Miles

produced significantly more marijuana than he could have consumed."); cf. United States v. Blais, 141 F.3d 1152, *2 (2d Cir. 1998) (table op.) (concluding that an "affidavit plainly presented ample probable cause for the issuance of a warrant" to search a suspected marijuana trafficker's home where, in relevant part, it stated that "12 [marijuana] plants" would be "more than would be cultivated for personal consumption"); United States v. Molina-Alfonso, 377 F. App'x 850, 855 (11th Cir. 2010) (concluding that the evidence was sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt of narcotics conspiracy and possession where, in relevant part, 100 marijuana plants founds at property "was inconsistent with personal use"); United States v. Eng, 753 F.2d 683, 687 (8th Cir. 1985) (concluding that the evidence was sufficient to establish the defendant's guilt of narcotics conspiracy where, in relevant part, thirty-five marijuana plants, dried marijuana buds, and equipment used to harvest marijuana was "inconsistent with [the defendant's] personal use claim").

In sum, Mr. Hinkle did not "com[e] forward with evidence that he does not pose a danger to the community or a risk of flight," as he was required to do to carry his "limited burden of production." *Mercedes*, 254 F.3d at 436. Accordingly, the Court should conclude Mr. Hinkle failed to rebut the statutory presumptions that favor his detention.

B. There is No Condition or Combination of Conditions That Can Reasonably Assure the Safety of the Community if Mr. Hinkle, a Violent Felon, is Released

Furthermore, the government can meet its burden of persuasion by clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Hinkle presents a danger to the community. The evidence—when viewed through the prism of the 3142(g) factors and alongside the presumption—shows that there is no condition or combination of conditions that can reasonably assure the

safety of the community (or the defendant's appearance at trial) if Mr. Hinkle is released.

1. Nature and Circumstances of the Offenses Charged

Mr. Hinkle is charged with several serious firearm and drug offenses in the instant Complaint. While the nature of these offenses themselves illustrate Mr. Hinkle's dangerousness, the circumstances of the investigation into Mr. Hinkle, as well as the execution of the federal search warrant of his residence, cast grave doubt as to the safety of any other person and the community if Mr. Hinkle is released.

a. Background to the Complaint

By way of background, the United States is investigating Mr. Hinkle in connection with the death of Crystal Quinn, a federal witness who was scheduled to testify in an upcoming criminal trial. Indeed, Mr. Hinkle was one of the last people to interact with Ms. Quinn before Simon Gogolack, a defendant in a related prosecution, called 911 to report her death on August 1, 2023. *See generally* Superseding Indictment, ECF No. 18, (dated Sept. 20, 2023), *United States v. Gogolack*, 1:23-CR-99 (W.D.N.Y). The next day, during an interview with the FBI, Mr. Gogolack stated that, in the days immediately preceding her death, Mr. Hinkle told Ms. Quinn that there was money on her head. Mr. Hinkle's apparent access to information about money being placed on Crystal Quinn's life further underscores his contacts in the criminal underworld.

In other words, there is evidence that Mr. Hinkle possessed knowledge of a murder-for-hire plot stemming from Ms. Quinn's cooperation with federal law enforcement and communicated as much to her shortly before she died. Notably, Mr. Hinkle has, to date, never reported to law enforcement his knowledge of the murder-for-hire conspiracy.

b. The SWAT Team's Efforts to Clear the Hinkle Residence

Mr. Hinkle's interactions with SWAT team members and, subsequently, law enforcement officers also evidence his dangerousness. At approximately 6:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023, an FBI SWAT team attempted to "clear" Mr. Hinkle's residence at 4290 Donovan Road in Alma, New York. The FBI engaged its SWAT team after concluding that Mr. Hinkle, who is known to harbor anti-government sentiments, would likely be armed and dangerousness. Though the SWAT team announced that the FBI used flash grenades to effectuate a knock, and informed the occupants that they were executing a federal warrant over a loud megaphone, it took Mr. Hinkle several minutes to exit the residence. One SWAT team member, who estimated that he had performed between 50 and 100 warrant operations for the SWAT team, advised that the lengthy period in between SWAT's initial announcement and Mr. Hinkle's exit gave him concern that Mr. Hinkle was preparing for armed confrontation with the FBI.

That concern was supported by Mr. Hinkle's subsequent behavior. Specifically, when Mr. Hinkle finally opened the front door of the residence, he failed to exit and comply with the SWAT team's warnings. In fact, Mr. Hinkle was holding something that he initially refused to drop and made furtive movements to the side of his body. Eventually, Mr. Hinkle went so far as to attempt to re-enter the residence near the front door, prompting the SWAT team to escalate its demands, which ultimately resulted in Mr. Hinkle's surrender.

Notably, when FBI agents apprehended Mr. Hinkle, they found his cell phone on his person. And when law enforcement seized Mr. Hinkle's phone, Mr. Hinkle responded

angrily and belligerently.⁴ Later, as pictured below when SWAT cleared the residence, they discovered a loaded rifle with a scope by the front door—just feet away from Mr. Hinkle when he appears to have attempted to re-enter the residence. Upon discovering that loaded rifle, a SWAT team member stated that, in his view, Mr. Hinkle's behavior during the clearance process was consistent with that of someone contemplating an armed confrontation with the FBI.

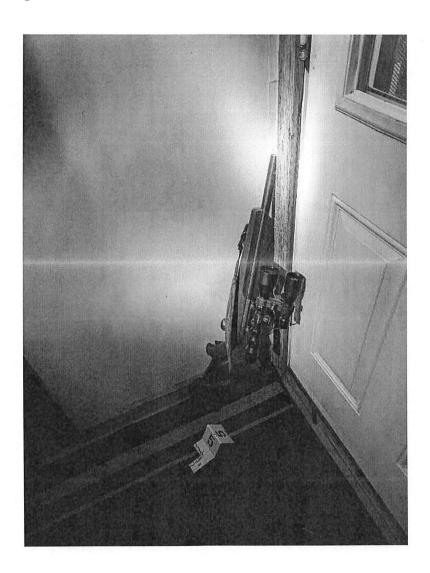


Rifle with Scope by front door of residence

Mr. Hinkle continued to direct anger toward law enforcement during the initial hours of his detention, and, in one instance, asked a young, female law enforcement offer to hold his penis to help him urinate.

c. The Factual Basis of the Offenses Charged in the Complaint

One-hundred-and-thirty-four marijuana plants, nineteen firearms, numerous rounds of ammunition, and other evidence consistent with a large-scale drug-production operation: that is what FBI agents discovered in plain view in Mr. Hinkle's residence on October 24, 2023, when executing a federal search warrant. As pictured below, many of those firearms were strategically located both at points of ingress and egress and in close proximity to Mr. Hinkle's grow-operation.



Marijuana plant

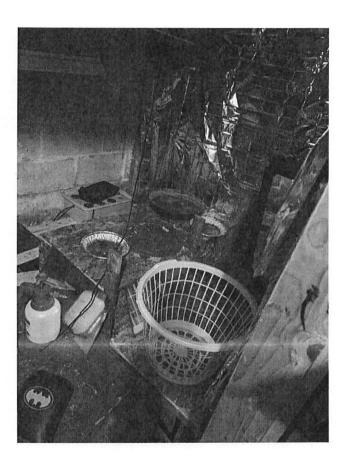


Storage bin containing jars of <u>marijuana</u>

Digital scale

Later, when clearing the basement of 4290 Donovan Road, FBI agents observed—also in plain view—ammunition, marijuana, grow lights, other equipment used to sustain a large-scale grow operation in the basement of the residence. Those materials are pictured as follows:





Ammunition

As these photos illustrate, Mr. Hinkle was armed and ready for a conflict in the event anyone threatened his drug distribution operation. In that regard—and bracketing for a moment that Mr. Hinkle, a felon, could not lawfully possess any of the 19 firearms found in his home—the strategic placement of loaded firearms near points of ingress and egress of his home, by windows, and next to drugs afforded Mr. Hinkle an "advantage relevant to the vicissitudes of drug trafficking." *United States v. Snow*, 462 F.3d 55, 62—63 (2d Cir. 2006). In other words, it is clear from the placement of the firearms literally in between a drug scale, a storage bin full of marijuana, and overlooking multiple marijuana plants, that Mr. Hinkle used weapons "to protect drugs, drug proceeds, or . . . himself" as he engaged in drug-related activities. *Id*.

2. Weight of the Evidence

Though the defense all but conceded that Mr. Hinkle unlawfully possessed firearms because he is a felon, it dismissed the strength of the government's case with regards to the narcotics distribution and unlawful possession of a firearm charges. Once more, this factor supports the government's argument for detention.

First, for the reasons explained, *supra*, the evidence is more than that sufficient to convict Mr. Hinkle of the charges under Title 21. Over 130 marijuana plants, many of which were labeled by strain (likely to ensure accurate marketing), were recovered from his property. Mr. Hinkle dried the marijuana in a trailer, stored a bin full of marijuana in his residence, had cameras installed on the exterior of his property to ensure adequate surveillance of his crop, and repurposed his basement to grow marijuana. In addition to these facts, the FBI found bags and bins containing suspected marijuana in the basement

and on the floors, and multiple scales. As the Second Circuit has observed, "[p]ossession of equipment to weigh, cut and package drugs is highly probative of a purpose to distribute," as is Mr. Hinkle's "possession of . . . [multiple] loaded firearm[s]." *United States v. Martinez*, 54 F.3d 1040, 1043 (2d Cir. 1995).

Second, the evidence is already sufficient to sustain a conviction under § 924(c). As previously noted, the strategic placement of firearms by doors, entryways and exits, and near windows overlooking his crop supports the inference that Mr. Hinkle possessed firearms—some of which were loaded—in preparation for a drug-related conflict. This evidence, by itself, is sufficient to sustain a conviction under § 924(c). See, e.g., United States v. Finley, 245 F.3d 199, 203 (2d Cir. 2001) (affirming conviction under § 924(c)(1) where unloaded shotgun was stored under pile of clothes in the room from which drugs were sold); United States v. Wahl, 290 F.3d 370, 376–77 (D.C. Cir. 2002) (affirming conviction under § 924(c)(1) where loaded gun was within defendant's reach and in close proximity to defendant's drug stash); United States v. Lewter, 402 F.3d 319, 322 (2d Cir. 2005) (favorably citing Wahl and Finley). Additionally, several of the firearms had tactical features, like lasers and scopes, which further evidences their strategic use in facilitating Mr. Hinkle's grow operation.

Third, and finally, there is no doubt that Mr. Hinkle unlawfully possessed firearms.

Mr. Hinkle all but conceded as much during the October 26th detention hearing. But, if there was any doubt, FBI seized the following firearms from Mr. Hinkle's residence:

- 1. Savage Arms Model 93 with a scope (behind the front door);
- 2. Remington Arms rifle (also behind the front door);

- 3. Knight muzzleloader model 5;
- 4. Rugger 22 caliber LR with one live round of ammunition (behind a door);
- 5. Remington Arms Rifle with a scope;
- 6. Remington Arms rifle with 11 rounds of ammunition;
- 7. Unknown make shotgun (next to a hutch);
- 8. J Stevens Arms shotgun;
- 9. Ithaca Gun Company rifle;
- 10. Remington Arms shotgun;
- 11. Crescent firearm gun of unknown model;
- 12. Remington Arms shotgun (20-gauge);
- 13. Olympia optimal rifle;
- 14. New England Firearms rifle (with scope);
- 15. Massberg shotgun;
- 16. Remington Arms shotgun (20-gauge);
- 17. S.P.A. Luige Franchi Brescia shotgun (12-gauge);
- 18. Unknown revolver; and
- 19. Remington Arms shotgun (12-gauge)

These firearms—some of which were loaded—as well as ammunition were found in virtually every room and corner of the residence, and plainly show that Mr. Hinkle violated 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).

3. History and Characteristics of the Defendant

The third factor similarly weighs against the defendant's release from custody. For starters, Mr. Hinkle's scant employment history lends further support to the government's

position that he distributes marijuana. And his criminal history demonstrates his dangerousness, dishonesty, and repeated unwillingness to comply with conditions of pretrial or post-conviction release. In short, the evidence as to this factor clearly and convincingly shows that no condition or combination of conditions can reasonably assure the safety of the community if Mr. Hinkle is release.

a. Defendant's Employment History

As noted above, the defendant has limited employment history. Mr. Hinkle told Pretrial Services that he has been "self-employed since 2020, as a contractor" and reports a monthly cash flow of \$215.00. While the government does not contest that Mr. Hinkle may perform odd jobs from time to time, the significant quantity of valuable drugs recovered from Mr. Hinkle's property indicates that he underreported his income to Pretrial Services. In that regard, Mr. Hinkle's "lack of candor to pretrial services, and by extension to the Court, are troubling and raise issues about supervision where [he] is being deceptive." *United States v. Mitchell*, No. 1:23-MJ-157 (RDA), 2023 WL 5438156, at *5 (E.D. Va. Aug. 23, 2023).

b. Criminal History

Mr. Hinkle also has an extensive criminal history—and repeated violations of the terms of his bail and probation. On October 19, 2007, Mr. Hinkle pleaded guilty to resisting arrest and attempted assault in the Second Degree, a Class E felony. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail and 5 years' probation, which he appears to have violated in both July and August 2009.

But Mr. Hinkle's criminal history both pre-and-post-dates his violent felony

conviction. On March 3, 1995, Mr. Hinkle was charged with sexual misconduct for having intercourse with a female without her consent. While out on bail for that offense, he was arrested again for criminal mischief. Mr. Hinkle received a youthful offender adjudication on October 10, 1995, for the sexual misconduct charge, and was sentenced to a 3-year term of probation and 100 hours of community service. Just three days later, on October 13, 1995, Mr. Hinkle was arrested for burglary in the third degree, a Class D felony, though he ultimately pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny on January 26, 1996.

Mr. Hinkle's criminal activity continued into his twenties. On July 11, 1998, he was arrested for possession of stolen property, an offense to which he pleaded guilty on March 7, 2001. Also in July of 1998, Mr. Hinkle was arrested for retail theft and sentenced for that offense to a 1-year term of probation on December 10, 1998. The next month, Mr. Hinkle was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Mr. Hinkle went without an arrest for seven years when, in August 2005, he committed the felony assault previously discussed. A little over one year later, on December 22, 2006, Mr. Hinkle was arrested again, this time for assault in the third degree, criminal trespass in the second degree, and violent disorderly conduct. That arrest occurred while Mr. Hinkle was out on bail for his felony assault charge. Several months later, on April 22, 2008, Mr. Hinkle was arrested for criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, also while he was on probation. By then, Mr. Hinkle was in his thirties, and his criminal conduct only continued. In May 2008, Mr. Hinkle, while still on probation, was arrested for perjury in the first degree, a Class D felony. That same month, he was arrested with welfare fraud in the third degree, a Class D felony and offering a false instrument to file, a Class E felony. Ultimately, Mr. Hinkle pleaded guilty to welfare fraud in the fifth

degree, a misdemeanor.

Moreover, though Mr. Hinkle made much of the fifteen-year lapse in between his last arrest and the instant charges during the October 26th detention hearing, his arrest record as reflected in the Pretrial Services Report does not reflect the full extent of his recent criminal history.⁵

For example, on December 8, 2018, New York State Police responded to Hinkle's residence at 4290 Donovan Road after a caller reported that he had shot deer on the caller's private property from a moving vehicle. The NYSP officer who investigated the caller's complaint observed the vehicle from which Mr. Hinkle allegedly shot the deer at Mr. Hinkle's property. Mr. Hinkle denied shooting the deer. Later, when the NYSP officer returned, he spoke with Mr. Hinkle's girlfriend and co-defendant, Dillon Anderson, who "attempted to lie and state[d] [that] the vehicle was currently in the State of West Virginia," when, in fact, it was "parked down a long dead end trail." *See* Exhibit 1 (N.Y. St. Pol. Rept. (dated Dec. 8, 2018)). When the officer "explained to Anderson [that] [he] had already observed the vehicle on her property, she explained she was *not going to rat anyone out.*" *Id.* at 5 (capitalization removed and emphasis added).

Next, on December 9, 2021, Ms. Anderson called 911 to report that Mr. Hinkle

Mr. Hinkle's recent criminal conduct—separate and apart from the instant charges—undercuts Judge Roemer's conclusion that the government "failed to show by clear and convincing evidence that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of any other person in the community" because Mr. Hinkle's "latest offense occurred over — about 16 years ago." Tran. Det. Hr'g at 29, *United States v. Hinkle*, 1:23-MJ-5219 (W.D.N.Y. Oct. 26, 2023). To be sure, Judge Roemer could not consider these more recent incidents because the government did not have the attached police reports at its disposal. The investigation into Mr. Hinkle—and other related matters—is proceeding rapidly, and the government continues to review evidence gleaned from the October 24th search as it is processed.

threatened to kill her and then himself. She also reported that Mr. Hinkle left his residence at 4290 Donovan Road, where the FBI conducted the search warrant, with a shotgun and a .22 rifle.⁶ The NYSP report provides as follows:

[Howard Hinkle] and [Anderson] got into a verbal argument earlier in the day. She stated that they had an argument over the brakes on her vehicle, which made H. HINKLE upset. She stated H. HINKLE stated to her that he would blow his brains out in the house, so that she w[ould] have to witness it, and clean up the mess. She stated H.HINKLE said that he would kill her, and then kill himself. She stated she gave him his space to let him cool off. She stated she then took a shower, and when she got out, he began arguing with her again because he got his truck stuck by the garage, and that she didn't help him with it. She stated he again stated that he would put a gun to his mouth, and pull the trigger. She stated later on H. HINKLE grabbed a bag full of clothes from his room, and stated he didn't want to stay at the house tonight. H. HINKLE then stated to her that he had no purpose here, and felt that he was done. He also stated again to D. ANDERSON that he would shoot himself right in front of her in the kitchen. That is when D.ANDERSON called 911 for assistance, and H, HINKLE then grabbed a loaded .22 rifle that was by the door, and left the house in his white Chevrolet pick-up truck.

See Exhibit 2 at 3 (N.Y. St. Pol. Rept. (dated Dec. 9, 2021)). While no arrest is filed, Mr. Hinkle was placed in a mental health hold by police. Per the police report:

HINKLE into custody for mental health evaluation [officers] transported H. HINKLE to Olean General Hospital for further evaluation. While en route as well as waiting in the hospital waiting room, H.HINKLE stated again that while having an argument with his fiance D. ANDERSON, he stated that he would, "blow his brains out in front of her, so that she would have to clean it up."

Id.

More recent still, Mr. Hinkle was the subject of a domestic incident police report

The FBI recovered multiple shotguns and .22 rifles in searching Mr. Hinkle's home.

earlier this year, in February 2023. According to the February 11th 911 call report, Mr. Hinkle was "punching walls and acting in an aggressive nature" at his sister's house.⁷ See Exhibit 3 at 1 (Allegany Cnty. Off. Of Sheriff, Call for Service Detail Report (dated Feb. 11, 2023)).

Lastly, Pennsylvania State Police cited Mr. Hinkle on July 5, 2023, for shoplifting \$104 worth of property from a Kwik Fill. Charges were filed in Pennsylvania state court and Mr. Hinkle pleaded guilty to the shoplifting offense on August 9, 2023. *See* Exhibit 4, Pennsylvania State Police Report (printed Oct. 27, 2023). Notably, Mr. Hinkle did not report this offense to the U.S. Probation Office, which raises serious concerns as to his ability to comply with the terms of his supervised release.

In short, Mr. Hinkle's "criminal history"—which reaches through three decades of his life—"is significant with repeated violations of probation or pretrial supervision." *United States v. Arrington*, ---F.Supp.3d----, 2023 WL 2492980, at *7 (W.D.N.Y. 2023) (Wolford, CJ).; *see generally United States v. Barnett*, No. 5:03-CR-243(NAM), 2003 WL 22143710, at *5 (N.D.N.Y. Sept. 17, 2003) (ordering detention for defendants with multiple violations of the terms of their pretrial detention and probation). Accordingly, this factor also weighs in favor of detention.

c. Ties to the Community

The defendant's primary argument during the October 26th detention hearing related to his ties to the Western District of New York community. The government does not

A third 911 call was made on Mr. Hinkle in July of 2023. However, the 911 report offers little detail as to the call's purpose, noting only that the call was meant to "assist" with Mr. Hinkle.

contest that Mr. Hinkle has family in Western New York. However, in addition to family and in light of Mr. Hinkle's large-scale drug operation, it is very likely that Mr. Hinkle's ties to the community include drug associates and individuals who unlawfully sale firearms. Indeed, in the days immediately preceding Ms. Quinn's death, Mr. Hinkle associated with Mr. Gogolack, an illegal drug dealer. Accordingly, far from benefitting Mr. Hinkle, this factor under § 3142(g) is, at best, neutral and, at worst, weighs in favor of detention.

4. Nature and Seriousness of the Danger to Any Person or the Community

The government addressed the defendant's danger to the community supra. However, it is worth emphasizing that this danger is not merely to the community as a whole, but also the danger that would be posed by the defendant's release to any person in the community. Mr. Hinkle's knowledge of money being placed on Ms. Quinn's head is strongly suggestive of a murder-for-hire plot against Crystal Quinn, a federal witness in an upcoming trial with hundreds of other witnesses, underscores that there could be several individuals whose lives would be in very real danger should the defendant be released. The defendant's apparent access to information about money being placed on Crystal Quinn's life further underscores the defendant's contacts in the criminal underworld, and this factor continues to weigh in favor of the existing presumption. This factor continues to weigh in favor of the existing presumption.

C. Mr. Hinkle is a Flight Risk

Finally, Mr. Hinkle, a recidivist offender, is a flight-risk: he faces, at minimum, a tenyear term of incarceration and the possibility of life because well over one hundred marijuana plants were recovered from his residence and he strategically placed firearms throughout his home to protect his large-scale grow operation. See United States v.

Vasconcellos, 519 F.Supp.2d 311, 319 (N.D.N.Y. 2007) ("Given the severe sentence [the

defendant] is confronting [(a mandatory minimum ten-year sentence and the possibility of

life)] and his lack of assets, he is a flight risk. Just as importantly, his current drug

trafficking behavior, including that associated with the ammunition and handguns, has been

dangerous. There are no release conditions that would preclude his risk of danger and

flight."); see also United States v. Henderson, 57 F. App'x 470, at *1 (2d Cir. 2003)

(unpublished) (affirming district court's conclusion that "a defendant facing a ten-year

mandatory minimum had not sufficiently rebutted th[e] statutory presumption of a flight

risk and the government's proffer was compelling"). Accordingly, Mr. Hinkle is strongly

incentivized to flee the Western District of New York, and this flight risk militates in favor

of detention.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Hinkle's release poses a serious risk of danger to the community and individuals

within, and a serious risk of flight. No condition or combination of conditions can lessen

this risk to a point where Mr. Hinkle's appearance, nor the safety of the community or other

individuals, can be reasonably assured. For the reasons stated above, the government

respectfully requests that the District Court revoke Magistrate Judge Roemer's October 26,

2023, decision and order the defendant be detained pending trial.

DATED: Buffalo, New York, October 27, 2023.

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Exhibit 1

NY State Police Olean Incident Report December 08, 2018 Agency POC Name: NY State Police Olean Agency POC Phone:518-786-2100 Agency POC Email: nysic.nysic_po nyspdivhq@troopers.ny.gov Data Owner Organization: NY State Police Olean Data Owner ORI: NY1040100 Data Item Category: Incident Report Data Item Status: Closed Data Item Date: December 08, 2018 Data Item Reference ID: ld 38116239 Record GUID: be6c6a95-60a1-42d1-a27c-d7d63ffa4ce5 People (8) Stephanie Grimaldi **Enforcement Official DOB: Not Reported** Born: Not Reported Identifiers Badge Number officer badge number 5567 Associated Activitie Incident Repor ing Official Incident **Dennis Nolder Enforcement Official DOB: Not Reported** Born: Not Reported Identifiers Badge Number officer badge number 5465 Locations Ages: 50 Gender: Male Race: White Associated Activities Activity Involved Person Incident Other Data Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic Locations Ages: 51 Gender: Male Race: White Associated Activities Activity Involved Person Incident Other Data Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic

How	ard L Hinkle			
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		Incident Other Data		
		Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic		
Dillor	S Anderson			
Ge	Ages: 40 Gender: Female Race: White	Locations		
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		Incident		
		Other Data Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic		
	Gender: Female	Locations		
	Race: White	Associated Activities		
		Activity Involved Person Incident		
		Other Data Biographic Data		
		Ethnicity: Nonhispanic		
Activities (3)			

Offense

Activity ID: Id_12390589

Offense Data
Statute
Id: 5102

Jurisdiction: NY
Bias Motivation: Nonbias Or Nonhate Crime
Offense Code: Conserva ion
Domestic Violence Indicator: Nondomestic
Violence

Incident Activity ID: Id_38116239 Start Date: 5:12 AM December 08, 2018 Associated Persons Activity Involved Person End Date: 5:12 AM December 08, 2018 Howard L Hinkle Description: CLOSING: On December 13, 2018 I responded to 4290 Donovan Road, Wellsville to interview HINKLE. Upon arrival, I interviewed HINKLE who stated on December 8, 2018 he was operating the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with his friend, HINKLE stated he was in the area coming from a pond where he was going to go ice fishing. HINKLE verified the confrontation between himself and HINKLE denied shooting the deer on KNOX'S property. HINKLE stated he is provided four tags per year and does not need any further deer at this time. HINKLE stated if he was going to shoot a deer from a moving vehicle he would ensure that he retrieved the deer and did not leave it. HINKLE stated while he was in the area he never had a gun in his vehicle in order to hunt. When I inquired to HINKLE why his vehicle appeared to have been hidden on their property he had replied hat he had just returned home from West Virginia and simply wanted to surprise ANDERSON that he was home. HINKLE stated he had no issue speaking with he New York State Police because he did not believe he did anything wrong and was simply at the wrong place and he wrong time. I interviewed who verified the same facts provided by HINKLE. Complainant, advised of the same. I informed if any fur her information arises to incriminate the above mentioned parties or he person(s) responsible for the incident the case could be re-addressed at a later time. CASE CLOSED , FOLLOW UP: I responded to 4290 Donovan Road, Wellsville in attempts to re-interview ANDERSON. No one appeared to be home at the residence Message left for call back. I completed an SJS search which revealed ANDERSON has ies with HOWARD L. HINKLE JR. I interviewed neighbor, stated he knows ANDERSON but does not know her well. advised ANDERSON has several vehicles but is unaware of who she may be advised ANDERSON let ing operate the vehicles. While at attempted to contact ANDERSON telephonically. Voice mail left for call back. I attempted to contact HINKLE. HINKLE stated he would be able to discuss the incident on December 13, 2018 at approximately 12 00 PM.

During he phone conversation HINKLE verified he drives a white truck. Pending, INITIAL: Per Allegany County Dispatch, I responded to County Road 29, Willing for a report of an ENCON violation. Upon arrival, I interviewed complainant,

regards to a deer being shot on his property from a running motor vehicle. advised this evening, December 8, 2018 at approximately 4:40 PM he was

Willing when he heard a gun shot which he believed to happen directly behind his residence.

h which they believed the sound to come from. Upon their arrival, they observed a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado bearing New York registration

where the vehicle was stopped. Approximately twenty-five feet away from the shoulder of the roadway was a small doe. State Police. State this time he contacted the New York State Police. Stated the property in which the deer was killed is their private property. Signs posted indicated the same. Gen'l 4 provided by

with two unidentified, middle aged, males in he vehicle. Stated the vehicle pulled around and parked on the south shoulder of the roadway. Stated he pulled up along side the vehicle and asked both males if they had gotten any hing. Both men appeared to have been confused by the question. Explained to both men, hat while at his residence he had heard a gun shot, assuming someone had shot a deer. Both men denied shooting any guns. Bo h men re-entered the vehicle and left the scene. Stated he followed the vehicle in an attempt to obtain the registration. Sadvised when he was finally able to obtain the registra ion he went back to

responded to

outside his residence located at

Enclosure #1. Deer located approximately twenty-five feet away from the roadway, adjacent to where the truck was parked on the shoulder of the roadway. Deer had one apparent gun shot wound which resulted in it's death. Allegany County ENCON officers unavailable. Due to the fact ENCON was not available was provided a Deer Possession Tag #A298625. I advised to contact the New York State Police immediately if the person(s) responsible returns to he scene in an attempt to obtain the deer. I responded to 4290 Donovan Road, Wellsville in attempts to interview the owner of the vehicle. Upon my arrival, I observed the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado bearing New York registration 27734MK parked down a long dead end trail. It appeared the owner was attempting to hide he vehicle. I interviewed owner, DILLON S. ANDERSON who refused to state who she loaned the vehicle to this evening. ANDERSON attempted to lie and state he vehicle was currently in the State of West Virginia. Once I explained to ANDERSON I had already observed the vehicle on her property she began to explain she was not going to rat anyone out. ANDERSON requested the New York State to follow up with her on November 12, 2018.

stated he above men ioned details and is attached as

Service Call Activity ID: Id_38116557 Locations (7) Associated People Associated People 4290 Donovan Road General Association Howard L Hinkle Associated People Associated People Associated People 4290 Donovan Road New York General Association Dillon S Anderson Items (1) **Chevrolet Silverado** License Plate: New York 27734MK VIN: 1GCHK29U65E216931

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NY State Police Olean

Incident Report

Victim

December 09, 2021

Agency POC Name: NY State Police Olean

Data Owner Organization: NY State Police Olean

Data Item Status: Cleared by Arrest

Record GUID: 1eca9d38-a4a9-4169-905f-55a07c2a5555

Agency POC Phone:518-786-2100

Data Owner ORI: NY1040100 Data Item Date: December 09, 2021 Agency POC Email:

nysic.nysic_po.nyspdivhq@troopers.ny gov Data Item Category: Incident Report Data Item Reference ID: Id_53450620

People (4)

Dillon S Anderson

Ages: 43

Height: 63 in Weight: 165 lb Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Brown Gender: Female

Race: White

Born: 12:10 PM

Identifiers

Social Security #

General

4290 Donovan Road New York

Associated Persons

Subject Victim

Howard L Hinkle

Activity Involved Person

Incident Victim

Incident

Other Data

Incident

Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic

Religion: Unknown

Appearance Data

Person Build: Medium Build Eyeware: No Eyewear

Facial Hair: Clean Shaven Skin Tone: medium skin

Jason Schmand

Enforcement Official

DOB: Not Reported



Born: Not Reported

Identifiers

Badge Number

officer badge number 2882

Tyler Stevens

Enforcement Official

DOB: Not Reported



Born: Not Reported

Identifiers

Badge Number officer badge number 712

Associated Activities

Incident Reporting

Official Incident

Exhibit 3

Howard L Hinkle



Born: 12:07 PM July 22, Ages: 45 Height: 68 in Weight: 180 lb Hair Color: Brown Eye Color: Green Gender: Male Race: White

DOB: 12:07 PM July 22, 1976 Social Security # General 4290 Donovan Road New York Associated Persons Subject Victim Dillon S Anderson Other Data Appearance Data Person Build: Medium Build Biographic Data Ethnicity: Nonhispanic Religion: Unknown Eyeware: No Eyewear Facial Hair: Mustache Skin Tone: medium skin Aliases

Activities (4)

Offense

Activity ID: Id_20478543

Offense Data

String

Statute Id: 5527

Jurisdiction: NY
Bias Motivation: Nonbias Or Nonhate Crime
Offense Code: Crimes Against Person
Domestic Violence Indicator: Domes ic Violence

Incident

Activity ID: Id_53450620 Date: 6:12 AM December 09, 2021

Associated Persons

Activity Involved Person Incident Victim
Dillon S Anderson Dillon S Anderson

Locations

Incident 4290 Donovan Road Alma, New York

Activity Description

Description: Initial Entry On December 9, 2021 Troopers responded to 4290 Donovan Road, T/Alma for a domestic dispute through Allegany County 911. Tpl Papponetti and Hoak interviewed the victim, DILLON ANDERSON, who stated that her fiance, HOWARD HINKLE and her got into a verbal argument earlier in he day. She stated hat they had an argument over the brakes on her vehicle, which made H. HINKLE upset. She stated H. HINKLE stated to her that he would blow his brains out in he house, so that she was have to witness it, and clean up he mess. She stated H. HINKLE said that he would kill her, and then kill himself. She stated she gave him his space to let him cool off. She stated she then took a shower, and when she got out, he began arguing with her again because he got his truck stuck by the garage, and that she didn't help him with it. She stated he again stated hat he would put a gun to his mouth, and pull the trigger. She stated later on H. HINKLE grabbed a bag full of clothes from his room, and stated he didn't want to stay at the house tonight. H. HINKLE then stated to her that he had no purpose here, and felt that he was done. He also stated again to D. ANDERSON that he would shoot himself again to D. ANDERSON trial the would shoot hintself right in front of her in he kitchen. That is when D. ANDERSON called 911 for assistance, and H, HINKLE then grabbed a loaded .22 rifle that was by the door, and left the house in his white Chevrolet pick-up truck. D. ANDERSON stated that she would not like to pursue charges, but that H. HINKLE needs help for his mental health. Tpr Papponetti obatined a depostion stating same. Patrols BOLO'ed for H. HINKLE and said vehicle which was located at 1614 Fanton Road, T

Informa ion TOTed to myself. ITC , Closing Entry Tpr Phelps and I were advised that patrols were out with HOWARD HINKLE at 1614 Fanton Road, TWellsville. We responded to same address to assist, and place H. HINKLE into custody for mental health evaluation 9,41. Tpr Phelps and I transported H. HINKLE to Olean General Hospital for further evalua ion. While en route, as well as waiting in the hospital waiting room, H. HINKLE stated again that while having an argument with his fiance D. ANDERSON, he stated that he would, "blow his brains out in front of her, so that she would have to clean it up." H. HINKLE was TOTed to to Olean General Hospital assistance required. DIR completed and submitted. CBA

Service Call

Activity ID: Id_53452075

Offense

Activity ID: Id_20478725

Offense Data

Statute kd: 6892

Jurisdiction: NY Bias Motivation: Nonbias Or Nonhate Crime Offense Code: Heal h Or Safety

Domestic Violence Indicator: Domes ic Violence

Domestic Violence Indicator: Domes

Locations (3)

4290 Donovan Road Alma, New York

Associated People

4290 Donovan Road New York

General Association
Howard L Hinkle

4290 Donovan Road	
New York	General Association Dillon S Anderson
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Incident	
Activity ID: Id_59827756 Date: 2 02 AM February 11, 2023	Activity Description Description: Attempted to speak with Hinkle via phone having negative results. ITC, CLOSING: I interviewed Howard Hinkle who stated that he and his step sister had a misunderstanding over he house hat she is living in. Hinkle stated that he just left after his to deter any other problem. CLOSED, INITIAL: CAD # 23001814 Dispatched by Allegany County to patrol to for a Domestic Dispute. I arrived on scene and spoke with
Service Call	Howard Hinkle was here and had been mean to her before leaving he residence. Batted hat she was fine and that she did not wish to do any paperwork nor want anything else due to nothing happening. No other SP assistance needed. DIR was completed on scene and given to
Activity ID: ld_59829517	
Locations (3)	
	Associated People
4290 Donovan Rd New York	Associated People General Association Howard Hinkle

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE GO# PA 2023-896117

THEFT RETAIL/SHOPLIFTING
ARRESTEE (includes runaway)
1 - HINKLE, HOWARD L JR
Non-Traffic Citation Number N0152267-3

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GO# PA 2023-896117	Operational Status	: PENDING (OURT	
Reported Date: Jul-05-2023 (Wed.)	Officer: 799829 - PORT,B,15298		Approved by: 610506 - DELP,M,	,10061
Date Occurred: Jul-05-2023 (We	ed.) Time: 1439	Latest Possible	Date:	Time:
Location of Occurrence: 108 N	GENESEE ST , GENESEE TWP (PC	OTTER) Distric	t: F02 Zone : F0233 Grid :	
Study: Not Applicable		Domestic Viole	nce: No	
Offense: #1 THEFT RETAIL/SH	OPLIFTING - COMPLETED			
Total Stolen: \$104	Total Damaged:		Total Recovered:	
Clearance Information				
Agency: PA State Police	Date Cleared: 07/2	27/2023	Cleared by: PORT,B,15298	
Status: Cleared By Arrest Or Cita	ition	IBR Cleared exc	ceptionally status: Not Applicable	
Related Person(s)				
ARRESTEE (includes runaw	ay) #1 - HINKLE, HOWARD L J	R		
Sex: Male	Race: WHITE	Ethnicity: Non-l	Hispanic DOB:	
Age Based Off Incident Occurre	ence Date: 46			
Height: 5'08 Weight:	Hair:		Eyes: GREEN	
Address: 4290 DONOVAN RD V	VELLSVILLE, NY 14895			
Home #:	Work #:		Cell #:	
Email Address:			3	
Place of Birth:		Citizenship:		
Language:		Marital Status:	Occupation:	
Employer: UNKNOWN		Employer Addr	ess:	
Driver's License #:	New York	Social Security		
Complexion:	Build:		Handed:	
Description of Facial Hair:		y		
Facial Hair Color:		Eye Glass Lens		
Linkage Factors				
Resident status: Nonresident	Age Range: 30-49 Years Just. hom	icide circumstar	ce:	
Aggravated assault/homicide:		γ		
Related vehicle #: 1 - 27734MK,	NY	Person seat po	sition:	
Type of injury:				
Person location:			Arrest date: 07/27/2023	,
Disposition: Not Taken into Cust	tody			
Juvenile Status:			Multiple Clearance: Not Ap	plicable
Armed with: Unarmed				
Arrest type: Summoned/Cited(N				
	IL/SHOPLIFTING - COMPLETED			
Processed Details		LNG		
FINGERPRINTED		No		
PHOTOGRAPHED		No		
NON-TRAFFIC CITATION NUM	BER	N0152267-3		
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VEH OWNER # 1 - ANDERSO	N, DILLON S			
Sex: Female	Race: WHITE	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanio	С	DOB: 1
Age Based Off Incident Occurre	nce Date: 44			
Height: 5'03 Weight:	Hair:			Eyes: BROWN
Address: 4290 DONOVAN RD W	/ELLSVILLE, NY 14895		•	
Home #:	Work #:		Cell #:	
Email Address:				
Place of Birth:		Citizenship:		
Language:		Marital Status:		Occupation:
Employer:		Employer Address:		
Driver's License #:	lew York	Social Security #:		
Complexion:	Build:			Handed:
Description of Facial Hair:				
Facial Hair Color:		Eye Glass Lens:		
Linkage Factors				
Resident status: Nonresident	Age Range: 30-49 Years Just. hor	micide circumstance:		
Aggravated assault/homicide:				
Related vehicle #:		Person seat position:		
Type of injury:				
Person location:		,	Arrest date	e:
Disposition:				
Juvenile Status:			Multiple Cle	earance:
Armed with:				
Arrest type:				



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GO# PA 2023-896117	Operationa	al Status:	: PENDING COUR	RT	
OTHER #1-					
Sex: Female	Race: WHITE		Ethnicity: Non-Hispan	ic	DOB:
Age Based Off Incident Occurre	nce Date: 50				
Height: 5'00 Weight:	Hair:				Eyes: BROWN
Address:					
Home #:	Work #:			Cell #:	
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Place of Birth:			Citizenship: AMERICA	AN	
Language: English			Marital Status:		Occupation:
Employer: KWIK FILL			Employer Address:		
Driver's License #:			Social Security #:		
Complexion:	Build:			T	Handed:
Description of Facial Hair:					
Facial Hair Color:			Eye Glass Lens:		
Linkage Factors					
Resident status: Resident	Age Range: 50-64 Years	Just. homi	icide circumstance:		
Aggravated assault/homicide:	•		1		
Related vehicle #:			Person seat position:		
Type of injury:					
Person location:			8	Arrest date	:
Disposition:					
Juvenile Status:				Multiple Cle	earance:
Armed with:					
Arrest type:					

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GO# PA 2023-8	396117	Operational Status:	PENDING COURT	
Related Busine	ess(es)			
Victim #1 - KWIK	FILL			
Address: 108 N GE	NESEE ST, GENESE	EE, PA 16923		
Phone #:			Type: Convenience Store	
Alarm Company:			Security: No	
Victim of Offense:	THEFT RETAIL/SHC	PLIFTING - COMPLETED		
Contact:			Affiliation: MANAGER	Phone #:



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Related Vehicle(s)				
Involved #1 - 2005 CHEVROI	LET SILVERADO			
License Plate: 27734MK	License State: New York	VIN#: 1GCHK29U65E2	216931	OAN:
Style: PICKUP		Color: White		
Miscellaneous Information:				
Type: AUTOMOBILE		Transmission:		
Interior description:		Exterior features:		
Modifications:		Condition:		
Body damage:		Wheels:		
Windows:	Features:			
Linkage Factors				
Related Owner:				Contacted owner: N
Vehicle Use: DRIVEN BY SUSPE	CT/ARRESTEE TO SCENE, DRIVI	EN BY SUSPECT/ARRE	STEE FRO	M SCENE
# of Occupants:	Leased/Owned:	Location: GOA/NOT L	OCATED	
Disposition:				Towed: No
Insurance Company:				Liability Insurance: No
Policy #:			Expiry dat	e:



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	GO# FA 2023-030111	Operational Status. FENDING COURT
	Related Document	
F	Document: 1 -INITIAL NARRATIVE Author: 799829 - PORT,B,15298 Related Date/Time: Jul-05-2023 (Wed.) 1659 Subject:	
		ULCOATION
	The location of the crime is 108 No.	orth Genesee Street, Genesee Borough, Potter County, PA. It can be
		onvenience store, with rows of merchandise inside. The business name is
	PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:	
	Physical evidence at the scene inc	cludes surveillance footage of the incident.
	SYNOPSIS:	
	Marlboro Red cigarettes was missi	as contacted by , who is the manager of the Kwik Fill, in etail theft at the business. During inventory check of the store, a carton of ing. Upon review of surveillance footage, the incident occurred on 07/03/23. a carton of cigarettes off the counter that he had not paid for and then left the

INTERVIEW COMPLAINANT:

On 07/05/23 at approximately 1600 hours, was interviewed at the scene of the incident. related the following:

She is the manager of Kwik Fill. At the end of each shift, all of the cigarettes at the store must be accounted for. Upon inventory check, a carton of Marlboro Red cigarettes was missing. Upon review of the store's surveillance footage, an unknown white male was paying for his items at the register. When the cashier turned around, the individual had taken a carton of cigarettes and left the store. The cigarettes retail value is \$103.99. The individual had paid cash for two drinks that he had purchased.

INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS:



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Video footage was reviewed that showed the Arrestee taking a carton of cigarettes from the Kwik Fill without paying for them on 07/03/23 at approximately 1347 hours. The Arrestee left the scene in a white, Chevy Silverado, NY Registration 27734MK.

Through investigative sources, the Arrestee was identified as Howard HINKLE Jr.

On 07/05/23, a PA Crime Victim/Witness guide was issued to Kwik Fill (See PA Crime Victims Receipt).

On 07/25/23, video surveillance on the incident was received and was entered into evidence (Property Record -F026982).

On 07/27/23, HINKLE was cited with PA/CC 3929 (a)(1) Retail Theft, Citation # N0152267-3. Charges were filed through District Court 55-4-01.

ATTACHMENTS:

Victim Witness Guide Receipt- Kwik Fill

Receipt of Stolen Items from Kwik Fill

Property Record - F026982

CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

I recommend that this report remains open pending court.



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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Related Document

Document: 2 - NEWS RELEASE NARRATIVE

Author: 799829 - PORT,B,15298

Related Date/Time: Jul-05-2023 (Wed.) 1659

Subject:

On 07/05/23, PSP Coudersport was dispatched to 108 North Genesee Street, Genesee Township, Potter County, for a Retail Theft. The Arrestee left the Kwik Fill without paying for a carton of Marlboro Red cigarettes valued at \$103.99. The Arrestee was charged with PA/CC 3929 (a)(1), Retail Theft through District Court 55-4-01.



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Follow Up Report #1

Assigned on: Jul-27-2023 (Thu.) 833

Completed: Yes

Approved on: 08/22/2023

Approved by: DELP,M,10061

Related Report Image(s)

Type: Victim/Witness Assistance Guide Receipt

Description:



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PENNSYLVANIA CRIME VICTIMS

Receipt of Information

I acknowledge receiving my basic rights as a crime victim and information on related services available to me.

23-896117

INCIDENT NUMBER

(The completed and signed copy of this form shall be retained by Law Enforcement.)



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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Related Report Image(s)

Type: Other

Description:

KWIK FILL #408 108 N. GENESEE St GENESEE, PA 16923 814-228-3403

020 CASHIER 10 Store: 0408 *** Duplicate *** Register # 02. Receipt#:74500 MERCHANT COPY Wed Jul 05 2023 15:59:19

ID CHK TOBACCO-08-09-1960 SCANNED MARLBORO BOX USD 10.06TX 028200003577

MARLBORO BOX 028200003577

USD 9.56TX

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MARLBORO BOX 028200003577

USD 9.56TX

Sale Total

USD 98.10 6.00% \$5.886

Tax Total Total

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USD 5.89 USD 103.99

Cash USD 103.99

> HOW ARE WE DOING? 800-443-3523 X4834

FOR QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
PLEASE CALL 1-800-443-3523 EXT 4834

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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Follow Up Report #2

Assigned to: 799829 - PORT,B,15298

Assigned on: Aug-22-2023 (Tue.) 1313

Completed: Yes

Approved on: 09/29/2023

Approved by: DELP,M,10061

Narrative Text #1

Document: 3 - OFFICER NARRATIVE

Related Date/Time: Sep-23-2023 (Sat.) 1503

Subject:

Case Update:

On 08/09/23 HINKLE plead guilty to PA/CC 3929 (A)(1), Retail Theft.

Conclusions / Recommendations:

I recommend this report remains open pending processing of the defendant.

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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Narrative Text #2

Document: 7-TEXT TEMPLATES

Related Date/Time: Sep-23-2023 (Sat.) 1516 Subject: NON TRAFFIC CITATION DISPOSITION

Non Traffic Citation Disposition

RMS Form Name: NON TRAFFIC CITATION DISPOSITION

Version: 06

Published: 06/08/2020

Adjudication Date: Aug-09-2023 Investigator: PORT,B,15298 Citation Number: N0152267-3

Related Arrestee:

Or

Business Arrestee:

MDJ Number (No Dashes Ex. 23303): 55401

Adjudication:

- 1 NON APPEARANCE PAID FINE AND COSTS
- 2 FOUND GUILTY
- 3 FOUND NOT GUILTY
- X 4 PLED GUILTY
 - 5 DISMISSED
 - 6 ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION (ARD)
 - 7 PROSECUTION WITHDRAWN
 - 8 VOIDED
 - 9 NOLLE PROSSE

Adjudication Reason

If Adjudication Code of 3, 5, 7, 8 or 9 Is Selected, Complete This Section:

Additional Comments

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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Follow Up Report #3

Assigned to: 643889 - TRICK,M,13606

Assigned on: Aug-28-2023 (Mon.) 2006

Completed: Yes

Approved on: 08/30/2023

Approved by: MAGGS,R,12646

Narrative Text #1

Document: 3 - OFFICER NARRATIVE **Related Date/Time:** Aug-28-2023 (Mon.)

Subject: VIDEO FILED

On 08/28/23, I received the MASTER CD containing video surveillance for this incident. The master disc will

remain at Troop F Headquarters until this case is terminated and the disc can be destroyed.

This concludes this Troopers involvement with this incident.



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Operational Status: PENDING COURT

Related Property Report(s)

Total Stolen: \$104

Total Damage:

Total Recovered:

Property Report #23896117

Property Case Status: STOLEN

Related items: 1

Submitted on: Jul-05-2023 (Wed.)

Submitted by: 799829 - PORT,B,15298

Related Item(s):

Articles

IBR CODE: 08

TYPE: Items listed under Y or not listed in Article Name Dictionary

ITEM: CIGARETTES/CIGARD

COLOR: Red, White SERIAL #: NA VALUE: \$103.99 # OF PIECES: 1

DESCRIPTION: CARTON OF MARLBORO RED CIGARETTES

RECOVERED VALUE: \$0.00

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